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SUBJ: INDO-US JOINT COMMISSION: EXCHANGE OF

ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL INFORMATION

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1. WE WERE PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE PUBLICATIONS LISTED
IN PARA THREE REFTEL AND HAVE FORWARDED THEM TO THE
INDIAN TRADE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS THE FIRST EXCHANGE
OF INFORMATION UNDER THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION.

2. USDOC RELUCTANCE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR
REVIEWING THE ACCURACY OF INFORMATION IN TDA PUBLICATIONS
IS UNDERSTANDABLE. WE HAD NOT INTENDED THIS TO BE A
DETAILED, COMPREHENSIVE AND TIME-CONSUMING REVIEW WHICH
WE FULLY AGREE IS THE FUNCTION OF THE TDA OFFICE IN THE
US OR THE INDIAN EMBASSY. A TDA REVIEW OF USDOC PUBLICATIONS
COULD BE USEFUL PARTICULARLY WHERE INTERPRETATIONS OF
CHANGING IMPORT AND INVESTMENT REGULATIONS ARE CONCERNED,
BUT THIS CAN BE DONE OUTSIDE THE CONTEXT OF ANY EXCHANGE
OF INFORMATION AGREEMENT.

3. OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR
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PUBLICATIONS IS THAT IT SHOULD FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE

AND NOT MERELY BE COSMETICS FOR THE USE OF NORMAL PROCUREMENT CHANNELS WHICH ARE ENCUMBERED BY BEADLEDOM. EACH SIDE MIGHT SUPPLY THE OTHER WITH A CERTAIN NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS WITHOUT NORMAL CHARGE. PERHAPS SOME PUBLICATIONS OF THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE TDA, ASSUMING THE TDA WERE TO MAKE A SIMILAR NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE TO US.

4. WE APPRECIATE THE USDOC OFFER TO IDENTIFY SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS IN BDC AND WILL CONVEY THIS TO THE TDA.

5. WE AGREE THAT WE SHOULD PROCEED ON A STEP-BY-STEP BASIS UNTIL WE SEE WHETHER THE INDIANS AGE FORTHCOMING. THE NEXT STEP IS UP TO THEM.

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